

came loud and clear that we need to reform Medicaid and ensure that that access really provides quality health care.

And, lastly, I would say that the message that we'd like to send out of that is that we know that it will cost a fair amount of money, but it's our health that we are talking about. We know that many people think or many of the pundits say that perhaps our President is trying to do too much, but we say we need all of it. And we stand with our President as he calls on us to reform our health care system or, rather, transform our health care system and ensure that quality health care is accessible, available to each and every American.

I just want to close with another quote from the Closing the Gap Report that was written in 2005 that addresses the issue of health inequities, and the quote says: "Inequities within the health care system and within larger social, environmental, and economic structures persist not because of a dearth of solutions but because of a failure of political will." And I call on my colleagues to let us develop that political will. Let us eliminate disparities that are causing the premature death of people of color, poor, and rural Americans in this country, and let's transform our health care system so that everyone has access to quality, comprehensive health care.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CAPUANO (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and May 5 on account of illness.

Mr. DEFazio (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of official business in the district.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of official business in district.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POSEY, for 5 minutes, May 6.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, May 6.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, May 5 and 6.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 615. An act to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; in addition to the Committee on Armed Services for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 735. An act to ensure States receive adoption incentive payments for fiscal year 2008 in accordance with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on April 30, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1626. To make technical amendments to laws containing time periods affecting judicial proceedings.

H.R. 586. To direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out a joint project at the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of individuals who participated in the Civil Rights movement, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1564. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC-009-09, of a proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services, pursuant to Public Law 110-429, section 201; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1565. A letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit Adminis-

tration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for fiscal year 2008 on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1566. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2008 on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1567. A letter from the President, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for fiscal year 2008 on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1568. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2008 on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1569. A letter from the Acting Director, Peace Corps, transmitting the Corps' annual report for fiscal year 2008 on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1570. A letter from the Acting EEO Director, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2008 on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1571. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for fiscal year 2008 on the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-Discrimination and Retaliation Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1572. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Fireworks Displays, Anacostia River, Washington, DC [Docket No.: USCG-2008-0338] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received April 16, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1573. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Main Street Oceanside, Fireworks Display; Oceanside, CA. [Docket No.: USCG-2008-0270] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received April 16, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1574. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Temporary Safety Zone; Wreckage of the M/V NEW CARISSA, Pacific Ocean 3 Nautical Miles North of the Entrance to Coos Bay, OR [Docket No.: USCG-2008-0915] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received April 16, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1575. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Milwaukee River Challenge, Milwaukee River, Milwaukee, WI [Docket No.: USCG-2008-0914] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received April 16, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1576. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety